

**Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future
Agenda**

February 1-2, 2011

**Marriott Metro Center
775 12th Street NW
Washington, DC**

Tuesday, February 1, 2011

9:00 a.m.	Open meeting/review agenda	Tim Frazier, DOE DFO
9:05 a.m.	Opening remarks	Honorable Lee Hamilton General Brent Scowcroft Commission members
9:15 a.m.	Roundtable discussion – establishing an environmentally and politically acceptable and socially legitimate facility siting process	

The roundtable participants will help the Commission explore key questions on facility siting that have been raised during Commission hearings, including:

- When should the process of developing a disposal system begin, and what are the key factors affecting that decision (e.g. cost, ethical considerations)?
- What types of siting process models should the Commission consider?
- Would an adaptive staged approach build or undermine social acceptance of the disposal system development process?
- What stages might an adaptive staged process entail?
- Are there alternate approaches the Commission should consider that would lead to greater social legitimacy while still providing the necessary protection of people and the environment?
- Is it appropriate to impose any sort of schedule on development of repositories, or is an open-ended approach preferable? What factors should be considered in making this decision?
- What is the relative importance of actually disposing of the wastes compared to developing and demonstrating the capability for such disposal?

- What institutional process should be used for selecting and licensing storage and disposal facility sites (considering the role of Congress, state, tribal and local governments, etc.)?
- What should be the roles of states, counties, tribes, and communities?
- What can we learn from past experiences in establishing storage and waste disposal sites and other controversial facilities in the U.S. and elsewhere?
- Should the U.S. seek multiple storage and disposal sites in parallel?
- At what level of detail should the Commission make recommendations? To what degree should we preserve flexibility for the new implementing organization?

Participants:

Dr. Eugene Rosa, Edward R. Meyer Distinguished Professor of Natural Resource and Environmental Policy, Thomas S. Foley Institute of Public Policy and Public Service, Washington State University

Dr. Tom Webler, Research Fellow, Social and Environmental Research Institute

Rick Moore, former Director, Industrial Siting Administration, State of Wyoming

Dr. Markku Lehtonen, Research Fellow, Sussex Energy Group, University of Sussex

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

2:00 p.m.

Roundtable discussion - Organization and scope of the nation's nuclear waste management entity

The roundtable participants will help the Commission explore key questions on nuclear waste program governance that have been raised during Commission hearings, including:

- What are the key tasks that need to be performed by the entity or entities responsible for long-term storage and disposal of used fuel and high-level wastes?
- What are the guiding principles and organizational values that should shape the ways in which the entity(ies) carry out its mission?
- What form of organizational structure is best suited to carry out those tasks consistent with the guiding principles and organizational values?
- Where should such an entity be housed (e.g. within a government agency, as a single-purpose government agency, as a quasi-

government organization, public-private partnership, or in the private sector)?

- How should the members of the governing body of the entity (if it has a board rather than a single CEO) be selected and under what criteria?
- Do organizational models and examples exist that the Commission should examine in making its recommendations?
- What form of oversight should the entity be subject to? – including Congressional control and guidance, regulatory requirements and third-party oversight

Participants:

John Koskinen, Non-Executive Chairman, Freddie Mac; former Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget; and former Chair, President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion
George Dials, Executive Vice President, B&W Technical Services Group; former Director, DOE Carlsbad Field Office; former President, TRW Parsons

Liz Dowdeswell, President, Council of Canadian Academies and former President, Nuclear Waste Management Organization (Canada)

Phil Sewell, Senior Vice President, American Centrifuge and Russian HEU, USEC

Dr. Tom Cotton, Vice President, Complex Systems Group and Senior Consultant to the Blue Ribbon Commission; former professional staff member, Office of Technology Assessment

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

8:30 a.m. Open meeting/review agenda Tim Frazier, DOE DFO

8:45 a.m. Roundtable discussion – Financial considerations

The roundtable participants will help the Commission explore key questions on funding nuclear waste management in the US that have been raised during Commission hearings, including:

- What is the current and projected future federal liability related to the inability to accept used commercial fuel?
- How much is the government spending to store used fuel and nuclear waste awaiting geologic disposal?

- How can the U.S. nuclear waste program be provided the level of financial assurance necessary to carry out the program?
- What types of arrangements might be acceptable to Congress and the Administration?
- What steps can the executive branch take administratively, without requiring legislation?

Participants:

Joe Hezir, Vice President, EOP Group

Michael Hertz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice

Elgie Holstein, Senior Director for Strategic Planning, Environmental Defense Fund; former DOE Chief of Staff; former Associate Director of Natural Resources, Energy and Science, OMB

Dr. Mike Telson, Vice President – General Atomics and former DOE Chief Financial Officer

Kevin Cook, former Clerk, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee, U.S. House of Representatives

10:00 a.m.	Coffee break	
10:15 a.m.	Continue roundtable discussion	
11:15 a.m.	Oral statements	Public
12:15 p.m.	Adjourn meeting	